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The Bible.

SOME STATISTICS.

The Zion's Herald sums up the statistics of the Bible thus:

The Scriptures have been translated into 148 languages and dialects, of which 121 had, prior to the formation of the British Foreign Bible Society, never appeared. And 25 of these languages existed without an alphabet, in an oral form. Upward of 43,000,000 of those copies of God's word are circulated among not less than 600,000,000 of people.

The first division of the Divine orders into chapters and verses, is attributed to Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of King John, in the latter part of the twelfth century, or the beginning of the thirteenth. Cardinal Hugo, in the middle of the thirteenth century, divided the Old Testament into chapters as they stand in our translation. In 1661, Athias, a Jew of Amsterdam, divided the sections of Hugo into verses—a French printer had previously (1561) divided the New Testament into verses as they are at present.

The Old Testament contains 39 books, 929 chapters, 23,214 verses, 592,439 words, 2,728,100 lines.

The New Testament contains 27 books, 260 chapters, 7,959 verses, 182,253 words, 938,380 letters.

The entire Bible contains 66 books, 1,188 chapters, 31,185 verses, 774,692 words, 3,566,480 letters.

The name of Jehovah or Lord, occurs 6,855 times in the Old Testament.

The word "and" occurs in the Old Testament 35,543 times.

The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.

The middle chapter is the 29th of Job.

The middle verse is 2d Chronicles, 26th chapter, 17th verse.

The middle book of the New Testament is 2d Thessalonians.

The middle chapters are Romans 13th and 14th.

The middle verse is Acts 17: 17.

The middle chapter and the least in the Bible is Psalm 117.

The middle verse in the Bible is Psalms 118: 8.

The middle line in the Bible is 2d Chronicles, 1: 16.

The least verse in the old Testament is 1st Chronicles, 1: 1.

The least verse in the Bible is John 11: 35.

The 19 chapter of 2d Kings and Isaiah 37 are the same.

In the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra are all the letters of the alphabet, I and J being considered as one.

The Apocrypha (not inspired, but sometimes bound between the Old Testament and the New) contains 14 books, 183 chapters, 6,081 verses, 152,185 words.

The preceding facts were ascertained by a gentleman in 1718. Also, by an Englishman residing at Amsterdam, in 1772, and it is said to have taken each gentleman nearly three years in the investigation.

There is a Bible in the library of the University of Gottingen, written on 5,476 palm leaves.

A day's journey was 33 1/2 miles.

A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.

Ezekiel's reed was eleven feet, nearly.

A cubit is twenty-two inches, nearly.

A hand's breath is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.

A shekel of gold was \$8.09.

A talent of silver was \$516.32.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A piece of silver or a penny was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A gerah was one cent.

A mitre was one and a half cents.

A hamor contains seventy-five gallons and five pints.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

A firkin was seven pints.

An omer was six pints.

A cab was three pints.

A log was one half pint.

The division of the Old Testament is four.

1. The Pentateuch, or the five books of Moses.

2. The historical books, comprising Joshua to Esther, inclusive.

Newspapers in the names.

By a recent decision of the Post-Office Department, the laws regarding sending newspapers by mail have been more clearly defined than it has stood. No name or memorandum can be made on a newspaper outside of the wrapper on which the address is written. It is barely permissible to mark an article with pen or pencil. More than this subjects the paper to letter postage, and the violator to a fine. No printed card, hand bill or advertisement, or written notice, letter or slip of any kind whatsoever, must be folded in the paper. To do any of these things is to violate the law. Printed slips pasted on the outside of folded papers or periodicals, soliciting notice, are also violations of the law. Senders of transient papers are liable to a fine.

Laura—"O Amy! you ought never to wear a ring on your third finger unless you are really engaged. Mamma says it often prevents a good offer." Sensible girl.

Smart young school ma'am, entirely without the aid of a sewing machine, perfectly collar and cuff a small boy in less than thirty seconds. It is a common old wives' tale.

Land sells from one dollar to one dollar and a half in Henderson county.

Shad are worth \$2 per pair in Newbern.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1872.

GEO. WALTER SITES,--EDITOR
STATE CONVENTION.

The State Convention of the Democratic-Conservative Party of North Carolina will meet at Greensboro, on Wednesday, the first day of May next.

The Reform Movement.

The Reform movement is gaining ground daily, although some of the old Bourbons are growing about duty to old political lines drawn years ago, and which have no real force at present, when all good men should stand shoulder to shoulder and rest not until the plundering Radicals are made to tremble in their boots at the righteous indignation of a down-trodden and tax-ridden people. At a meeting held in the county of Richmond, Staten Island, the Radicals attempted to break up in a row, but Mr. Erastus Brooks was in the chair, and was sustained by so many good citizens that after a time order was restored and maintained. During the meeting Mr. John C. Thompson created profound astonishment by his statement of the fraudulent manipulations of public moneys. The New York *Express* says:

There is no government in the world strong enough long to survive such abuses. They are not peculiar to Staten Island and New York, but, as we see from the Custom-House developments here, at New Orleans, in the Southern State Governments, and elsewhere, they pervade the land. Public places seem to be considered everywhere a legitimate mine of plunder. It exists in full proportion among small communities and large ones, in the towns as in the cities, and the wrong rests largely with the people, who elect incompetent or dishonest men to office, and who fail to take a proper interest in public affairs.

It is high time that the people awake to the realities of the situation of the country and move as a mass against these plunderers, they who they may.

The Missouri policy of "watching and waiting" seems to be the policy at present, and we hope that the watching may be strict, and the waiting judiciously prolonged. The *Wilmington Star* discourses thus:

The Fabian policy sometimes answers a purpose admirably. We believe it is just as good in saving America and crushing Grant as it was in saving Rome and crushing Hannibal. History only repeats itself and the same strategy that is useful in military affairs can be employed with success in politics.

What we mean is this: The Republicans of the Grant complexion have appointed a day for their National Convention. The Liberals of Missouri have called a Convention to take place several weeks earlier. The latter are pledged to reform, the former, through their recognized leaders in the Senate, have done what they could to strangle every effort looking to reforms in the civil service. The Chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, Alfred Belmont, writes to a member of the Committee in Ohio that no steps have been taken to call a Convention and that none will be taken soon. The policy of the leaders of our party is now clearly developed. That policy is to wait until after both Republican Conventions have been held; see what the anti-Grant men are going to do, and with their eyes wide open, be prepared for intelligent and effective action.

It requires no labor and saving process of ratiocination to comprehend the wisdom of the Democrats in adopting the dominant idea of the Missouri policy, viz: that of "watching and waiting." For one time the example and precept of Mr. Wilson is eminently worthy of an implicit following. We should first "wait awhile" for something to turn up, then whether that particular "something" goes "turned up" or not, we should go resolutely to work in good time to "turn up" the miserable corruptions and imitacies of Grant's Administration to the uncompassionate inspection and judgment of the hearty and healthy masses of the United States, relying on them to bury Grant and his friends beneath a mountain-high pile of ballots in November.

The Republican papers have, but very little to say in regard to the shameful disclosures relative to the mismanagements of the New York Custom-house. The case is closed, and the facts are before the people. It is proven that the General Order of business is simply a system of date-faced robbery, and that some of the robbers maintain, or have maintained, suspicious connections with high officials in Washington.

It is proven, that the New York merchants have been treated by those high officials at Washington as "but so much game, to be plucked right and left by political and personal friends of the President, and, in spite, too, of the earnest and oft-repeated remonstrances of the victims.

It is proven that the New York Custom-house has all along been "run" in the interest of the Grant wing of the Republican party, rather than in the interest of the country, the honest collection of the revenue being altogether secondary consideration to the advancement of the particular faction which is understood to be pushing the President's pretensions to another four years' leave of power.

There are many more things proven that it is a shame to put in print, and the people are anxiously awaiting to see what is going to be done about it. The New York *Express* says that the President was going to get after the Wall Street men, but these "truly loyal men" still flourish, and are doing as usual. The President's intentions may be good, but there is an old proverb that tells us that Pardons are granted all over with good intentions, which really mean nothing, but to deceive.

The North Carolina Republican State Convention meets at Raleigh April 17th.

People Living in Glass Houses Should not Throw Stones.

Do you not know they (the Conservatives) simply seek the honors and spoils of the offices and free access to the public coffers?—*Winston Republican*, Jan. 25th.

What a question! Of course the office-holders of the Radical party do not care for the honors, the spoils, and free access to the public coffers! No one ever accused them of stealing, taking bribes, and running away with public funds! Oh, no! The officials of that party are immaculate. The editor of the *Republican* did not leave the classic walls of Yadkin College for the purpose of gaining reputation or money, by having free access to the fund for running campaign papers.—Oh no! He works for the good of the country! Nor has his right-hand man, that power behind the editor's chair, stronger than the editor himself, ever made any money by his skill and public spirit!

Charity begins at home, brother; and you should read the evidence before the Custom-house Committee at New York, and the Committee to investigate Fraud, at Raleigh, before you write another article charging your Conservative friends with what some of your own flock have not only been charged with but found guilty in every case.

What an exalted idea some people pretend to have for the party they belong to! We will venture to assert there is really not enough of what brother Walser thought actuated his office-holding friends, to weigh a feather in the balance.

The Radical office-holder's first idea is self, and they stick to it pretty well.

The Conservative Democratic party does not claim infallibility, but they are as public spirited, and we think their record, when examined by an unprejudiced mind, will show they are a little more so than that "great party of progressive ideas!"

"Take the beam from thine own eyes" You know the text.

The Winston *Republican* complains that the Conservative press ridicule Grant's Civil Reform movement, by quoting an amusing squib floating around in the papers that a post office clerk was discharged because he did not know the distance from the earth to the moon. Foolish as the idea is, our neighbor grows indignant therat and tries to console himself in the best way he can.

In the very next column this same editor speaks sarcastically about the efforts of the Legislature to investigate some errors relative to the State printing. The errors were found and promptly corrected, and the money thus overdrawn, properly deducted, without really implicating any one of intentional fraud, and the State loses nothing by the transaction. The investigation did not result, like those of the late Radical Legislature, in loss to the taxpayers of the State and damaging her credit abroad.

In the one article our neighbor complains of a funny little squib, and in another he becomes spiteful at the action of an honest Committee of the present Legislature, because they embarrassedly did their duty.

"Oh consistency!" &c.

Our neighbor wants the people to remember this "glossing over frauds." What frauds were glossed over?

The investigation was made in good faith, and the mistakes corrected to the satisfaction of all concerned. Does our neighbor call this "glossing over frauds?" More Anon.

The old AMERICAN FARMER for February is on our table. Its contents are like the advice of an old and tried friend, always good and just the thing needed.

Every department of rural life is treated—the staple crops, manures, live stock, fruit growing, &c., receiving due attention, while unusual care is given to Floriculture, Ornamental Planting, &c. A special feature of the *Farmer* is its able correspondence from men of various sections of the country, distinguished for their devotion to Agriculture. Published at Baltimore, Md., by Samuel Sands & Son, at \$1.50 a year, or at \$1.00 in clubs of five or more, with liberal premiums for clubs.

The Republican Central State Committee of Georgia, lately decided not to call a convention to elect delegates to the Presidential nominating convention at Philadelphia, but appointed such delegates, headed by Ex-Acting Governor Conley, to cast the vote of Georgia for the re-nomination of President Grant. The National Republican Committee have received a remonstrance from the other wing of Georgia Republicans, protesting against this action of the State Committee, which asserts that it will ignore the same.

The RURAL CAROLINIAN for the current month is filled with valuable hints for the Farmer and Planter. It is elegantly printed with large clear type on good paper, giving it neat and attractive appearance. It contains departments on Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairy and Stock, Mining and Mechanic Arts, Natural History, Editorial and Correspondence, with an excellent Farm and Garden Calendar for February. \$2 a year. Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Wando Almanac is sent as a supplement to the *Rural Carolinian* for February. It is a valuable annual. With almost the single exception of the *Press*, which sees things through a Custom-house medium, the journals of Philadelphia denounce the election of Gray as the result of palpable fraud, and Colonel McClellan is urged to contest the seat before the Legislature, rather than permit the triumph of such notorious corruption.

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The snow is sixteen feet deep on a level at the top of the Sierra Nevada.

Civil Service Reform.

Our people are treated to frequent allusions to this much talked of reform. Let us look a little and see what it amounts to:

Mr. Feslinghuisen, (Rep. N. J.) reported a bill in the U. S. Senate, for appropriating \$100,000 for Civil Service Reform. So far this bill has been treated with ridicule in the Senate, and men who favor it in words are acting so as to bring it into contempt. Some laugh at and denounce all such reforms, and Sherman and others pronounce it quite impracticable. Every indication at present is that no action will be taken, but the whole thing will be handled as an electioneering scheme, until after the November elections, and then dropped.

In the House, the Chairman of the Civil Service organization Committee has not been able to get a quorum at any of the called meetings. The President has power to act, if he chooses and to insist upon every needed qualification of his appointees.

He has promised much and done nothing, and while issuing a proclamation insisting upon reform on the one hand, he throws the whole burden upon Congress with the other, and that body treats it with contempt.

The ECLECTIC MAGAZINE of Foreign Literature for February is before us. This number is graced with a well executed steel engraving of Lord Lisgar, Governor General of Canada. The literary contents are selections from the best foreign periodicals of the day. The article on Samuel Taylor Coleridge, from Blackwood, is particularly interesting. Persian Passion Play from the Cornhill Magazine is curious and entertaining. Last Tournament by Tennyson is the Poet's latest production. The voyage and loss of the "Megara," is a thrilling narrative of "life on the Ocean Wave." The Eclectic is truly the Scholar's companion of well digested reading, giving a monthly review of foreign literature at the low price of \$5 a year. E. R. Polton, Publisher, 108 Fulton Street, New York.

Congress.

The Senate has voted to adjourn on May 29th. The amount appropriated for the civil service by the House this year is given under the following head:

Pay and mileage and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$663,000; pay and mileage and expenses of the Senate, \$461,000; Capitol Police, \$58,000; Public printing, \$2,000,000; Library of Congress, \$58,000; Executive, \$52,000; Department of the State, \$133,000; Mexican, Spanish and British Commissions, \$84,000; Treasury Department, \$2,871,000; for Independent Treasury, \$186,000; Collection of Internal Revenue, &c., \$5,200,000; Mint and Assay Offices, \$631,000; Territories and District of Columbia, \$190,000; Interior Department, \$1,193,000; Department of Agriculture, \$164,000; Bureau of Education, \$26,500; Post-office Department, salaries, &c., \$113,000; War Department, salaries, &c., \$2,000,000; Navy Department, salaries, &c., \$375,000; Court of Claims and Judgment, \$431,000; Department of Justice, \$127,000.

The Pension bill, appropriating \$30,000,000, was also disposed of.

The subjects of Amnesty, Civil Service Reform, &c., are still under debate.

Senator Wilson has introduced a bill to prohibit the deportation of natives of the South Sea Islands by citizens of the United States. He said that within a very brief period a slave trade with those islands had sprung up; that our own people had engaged in the horrible traffic; that the attention of the English Anti-Slavery Society had been directed to it, and that he would call up this bill at an early day and urge its passage.

Senator Pomeroy has introduced a bill setting apart certain lands near the head waters of the Yellowstone River as a public park. This valley, he said, was about 40 by 44 miles in extent, full of natural curiosities, but without any good agricultural lands, and he thought it important to pass the bill before private persons should go in and establish claims as they had done in the Yosemite Valley.

A HUGE PENSION FRAUD.—General Garfield made the startling statement to the House of Representatives on Thursday, on the authority of the Commissioners of Pensions, that one-fourth of the total amount paid to pensioners goes to persons who have got their names upon the pension rolls by fraud, and who have no right to be there at all. It appears that there is a system of preparing fictitious evidence of disability by claim agents that has succeeded to the extent stated, so that the Treasury is annually depleted of about \$8,000,000 for the benefit of swindlers. The Commissioners of Pensions hope to unearth many of these frauds, and the commissioners of the pension office contain interesting to this section.

On Tuesday the Senate was engaged in discussing the educational bill, and the House was working on the apportionment bill. The bill concerning the usury law failed to pass its third reading by a heavy majority.

PROHIBITORY LAW.

A petition signed by nearly all the citizens of Statesville was forwarded to the Legislature last Thursday, asking that body to pass a special act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town and within three miles thereof. It is hoped the prayer of the petitioners will be heard and granted. This would prevent importunity to both County and Town Commissioners for licenses, and protect the citizens from a possibility of the traffic being legalized in any event.

Statesville, Jan. 31.—The *Advertiser* has been published for twenty-two years, has steadily increased in popularity, the circulation having reached the large number of 120,000 copies, and enables the publishers to expand upon it for literary and artistic features alone, the sum of fifty thousand dollars. \$4 a year. Harper & Bros., Franklin Square, New York.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Snow—SLEET—HAIL—THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.—On Friday last we experienced the heaviest snow-storm of the season. Snow fell to the depth of from four to five inches, followed at night by sleet and towards morning by thunder and lightning. This is the second time this winter that we had either sleet or snow accompanied with a gale and thunder-storm. These unseasonable electric displays are very uncommon here although the Agricultural Reports from Washington report these storms as having been frequent, in the North and North-west. Some of our older citizens remember similar "storms of weather," many years since.

FOGLE BROTHER'S STEAM PLANING AND SAW MILLS are now in full operation. The mill is conveniently located and from what we know of the firm we can recommend their work to the public. Faithful and prompt in their dealings, we wish them success in every department of their line.

It is quite interesting to examine the curious machines which are at work in their establishment, all under the management and care of the most competent workmen.

You can see the large log sawed into plank, boards, or otherwise; the planer next gives a smoothing touch; tongue and grooving machine does its work well and speedily, while morticing, tenoning, sawing and moulding are all neatly executed in their turn.

If you happen to hit the right time, you may see the different portions of a house in preparation, ready to set up. We like to see this enterprise going on, and we understand that the worthy firm are meeting with liberal encouragement.

SCRIBNER for February opens with a popular poem "The Fox Hunters," characteristically illustrated. The Wonders of the West or more about the Yellowstone, is the leading illustrated article of the number. The Mormons and their Religion is an interesting article with illustrations. The Charities of the Fatherland is an instructive paper beautifully illustrated.—The Defects of the National Banking System is a well written article on the workings of these institutions. The number before us is a splendid specimen of American periodical literature. Scribner is a success \$1 a year in advance. No club rates. Scribner & Co., 654 Broadway, New York.

MAIL ROUTES can be supplied by the P. O. Department where old routes were once established, if the law authorizing such routes has not been repealed. Post-towns and full information and evidence should be sent to the officers of the Department, showing the wants and interests of the people concerned.

To get a new mail line requires a new act of Congress.

There are several old routes in this section that should be re-opened, and we would urge upon the people to attend to this matter at once.

We have been requested to state that the person or persons who sent an anonymous leap year communication to certain young gentlemen of this place may bear something to advantage by giving address—it may hasten a reply.

LECTURE TO-NIGHT.—Rev. J. Henry Smith will deliver a lecture in Music Hall, this Thursday night. The subject will be particularly interesting to the ladies.

SKATING.—The ice on the ponds in this vicinity was in splendid skating condition on Thursday last, being about five inches thick. Many of the young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the sport of skating over the crystal plain. The faggot illumination at night was fine.

We are indebted to the Tribune Association for a copy of their valuable Statistical Almanac for this year. Its carefully prepared tables are excellent for references.

Price 20 cents. Tribune Association, New York.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE KILLING OF DEER RECKLESSLY.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: That if any person shall hunt for with gun, or chase with a dog, or shall kill or destroy any deer running wild in the woods between the 15th day of January and the 1st day of September thereafter, ensuing, unless in an enclosure surrounded by a sufficient fence at least five feet high, and where such person shall have a lawful right so to do, the person so offending shall pay a penalty of \$5 for each and every deer so killed.

SECTION 2. In the event that no one has brought a prior suit and prosecuted the same in good faith for the penalty prescribed in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the school committee of any town where the said offence shall be committed to sue for the same and the whole of their recovery shall be to themselves for the use of their school district.

SECTION 3. That the provisions of this act shall not apply to the counties of Johnston and all other counties east of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad or through which the W. & W. R. R. passes, nor to the counties of Madison, Yancey, Cumberland, Harnett, Columbus, Anson and Sampson.

SECTION 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified Jan. 26, 1872.

GENERAL NEWS.

STATE ITEMS.

OUR NATIVE STATE.—The Wilmington Post says, people of North Carolina, stay at home; you are wanted here. An industrious white or colored man can earn a good living here. You will be better, happier, and richer here than in any

GOLD.

Gold lurks in every aim of life;
It sways the lofty and the lowly,
And shrouds beneath its able power,
Each aspiration high and holy.
For if we utter earnest prayers,
And solemn vows are made and broken,
All the beauty hastes truth and hope,
And bitter words are spoken.
Gold can buy one half of life,
Or buy loves bated care,
It cannot stay the silver streak,
Time bleeds with beauty's tresses;
It cannot bring the loved one back,
So rudely torn from our embrace;
It cannot smooth the wrinkled brow,
Scored deep with grief's relentless traces.
Gold can buy a year, and make it glow
Back to the shades of fading beauty;
It cannot hush the still, small voice
That hints of long neglected duty;
It cannot heal the broken heart;
Throbbing with some unbound sorrow;
For words that sing the soul to-day,
Gold cannot bring relief to-morrow.
The love we bear to the glistering tribe,
Now broken by the hand of sorrow;
Gold can at last but gild the bier,
Or buy the pall that want not sorrow;
The lowest heart in all the land
Is rich beyond all golden treasure,
If truth and virtue, hand in hand,
Have been through life its rule and measure.

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